REMARKS

Claims 1-24 remain in this application. All 24 claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,249 and as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,900.

Applicant herein provides a Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent issuing from the present application to the terms of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,249 and 6,660,900. It is believed that the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the present rejections based upon obviousness-type double patenting. Accordingly, the rejection of the claims for obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn, and all claims deemed in condition for allowance.

If any issues remain regarding allowance of all claims, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call so that remaining problems can be quickly addressed and resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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